

Minutes
Joint City/District Committee Meeting

September 26, 2012

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Brown. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Howard Gustafson, MCWD Director Jan Shriner, and Councilmember David Brown.
- Deputy General Manager Carl Niizawa, and Paula Riso attended for Marina Coast Water District.
- Mr. Doug Yount attended for City of Marina.
- Mr. Dan Amadeo attended as a public member.

2. Public Comments on Any Item Not on the Agenda:

Mr. Amadeo noted that on October 13th between 10:00 and 11:30 am at the City Council chambers, there will be a debate for the Water Board candidates and it will also be televised on the AMP channel.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of August 1, 2012:

Director Shriner made a motion to approve the draft August 1, 2012 minutes. Chair Brown seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a vote of 3-Ayes, 0-Noes, and 1-Absent (Ford).

4. The Joint Committee May Discuss the Following Items of Mutual Interest to the City and District:

a. City of Marina Teen Center:

Mr. Yount stated that he and Mr. Niizawa recently discussed this item and are looking to a resolution in the near future. Director Shriner asked if the City of Marina ever requested a variance. Mr. Yount answered that he was unaware of any variance request. Director Shriner asked who the contractor was and what the cost for the work was. Mr. Yount answered that Monterey Peninsula Engineers was the contractor and the total cost was approximately \$15,000.

b. Possibility of MCWD Board Meetings to be Held at City Council Chambers and Discuss Possible Meeting Date Schedule:

Director Shriner commented that she has a schedule of meetings and wanted to discuss holding meetings at Council chambers. Director Gustafson commented that it was brought up at a Board meeting and was declined because no one wanted to take action on it. Director Shriner said that she would like to discuss options that Chair Brown could take to the City Council.

Agenda Item 4-b (continued):

Chair Brown stated that City Council can't make the Water Board do something they don't want to do. Director Shriner said that wasn't what she was suggesting. She said that she was suggesting that one organization make a suggestion about possible meeting dates/evenings that won't conflict with each other. Director Gustafson said that there is no conflict with meeting dates because the District meets the second Tuesday of each month while the City meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. He stated that they only conflict if the City Council meetings run over and have to be continued to the next Tuesday. Director Gustafson commented that Director Shriner is welcome to attend any meeting that conflicts with District meetings. Director Shriner commented that there has been conflict with meetings in the past although there have not been as many in 2012. Chair Brown said that sometimes the Council meetings run over, but there can sometimes be special meetings scheduled for Tuesdays. He then noted that the District Board meetings used to be held on Wednesdays. Director Gustafson said that he has other commitments on Wednesdays. Director Shriner commented that Director Gustafson appears combative.

c. Written Procedures for Adding Items to the Agenda:

Chair Brown asked if there were written procedures for the Committee. He was told there were no written procedures. Chair Brown asked if people contact the General Manager or Committee Chair to add items. Ms. Riso said that future agenda items were usually selected at the Committee meetings or if an item of joint interest comes up between meetings, it would be added to the agenda. Director Shriner said that it was informal and could be considered a Brown Act violation. She added that it would enhance transparency to have procedures written on paper. Chair Brown said that there have not been any written procedures for many years. Director Shriner said that it was not a good reason to continue without written procedures. Director Gustafson said that the District Attorney was not investigating Brown Act violations and did not even investigate Director Shriner's Brown Act violation. Director Shriner stated that Director Gustafson continues to appear very combative. Chair Brown commented that Director Shriner's alleged Brown Act violations were not on the agenda and should not be discussed. Director Gustafson stated that Director Shriner brought up the subject and he was responding to it.

Chair Brown said that the Committee has survived without written procedures for a very long time. Director Shriner suggested that maybe it was time to make a change.

Chair Brown asked Director Shriner to bring back something in writing and keep it brief. He said it would be considered at the next meeting.

d. Budget at FORA:

Director Gustafson said that it was approved by FORA. Director Shriner added that the budget they approved did not have the District's requested 5% increase or mention of the Regional Project.

Agenda Item 4-b (continued):

Mr. Niizawa commented that although FORA approved the budget, you can't just take 5% off the top without defining where the cuts are made. He added that the District was holding a special meeting on Friday to discuss how to address FORA's actions.

5. Committee Member Comments and Identify Agenda Items for the Next Committee Meeting:

Mr. Yount asked why the City Manager is listed as an alternate and not another Councilmember. Ms. Riso commented that the City made the decision to have the City Manager as an alternate to the Committee, but they can change that when they make Committee appointments in January 2013.

Mr. Yount asked that the Regional Project be added to the agenda to receive an update on what, if any, Regional Projects are on-going. He also asked to discuss future FORA water and where everyone stands.

Director Shriner suggested a future discussion regarding the water conservation mandates of 20% by 2020.

6. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.